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In re Application of:

APPLICATION BRANCH

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAILER BRAKING SYSTEMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the above-identified Application which is filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) as a continuation of co-pending International Application No. PCT/NZ00/00110, filed June 23, 2000, International Publication No. WO 01/00467 A1, published January 4, 2001. See 35 U.S.C. §364 and 35 U.S.C. §120. Priority based thereon of June 23, 2000 is claimed and is further claimed for June 24, 1999, based on New Zealand Patent Application No. 336471, filed on such date.

Prior to calculating the filing fee for this Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS.

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 3-11, 14-17 and 19-21.

## REMARKS

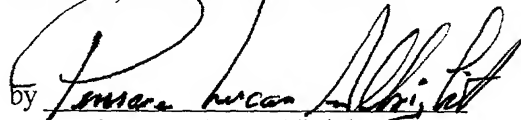
The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple-dependent claims from subject Application which is a copy of International Patent Application No. PCT/NZ00/00110 to establish a filing fee. It is to be understood, nevertheless, that the claims set forth in the original subject Application prior to this Preliminary Amendment remain part of the original disclosure of the Application.

As amended by this Preliminary Amendment, there are a total of five (5) claims. Three (3) of said claims are independent claims. Accordingly, it appears that a filing fee of \$370 00 is required for this original Application as a continuation (and copy of) of International Application No. PCT/NZ00/00110, filed June 23, 2000 which is being paid by an authorized credit card. However, if this is in error, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to credit or debit our Account No. 13-2000 as appropriate.

It is contemplated that a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment will be filed with the objective of placing the Specification, Claims and Abstract in formats which are more customary for U.S. patent applications. Such Supplemental Preliminary Amendment should be filed in the near future upon receipt of information from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concerning the instant Application, including the serial number assigned thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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